# BERLIN REFUSES TO PLEAD GUILTY

WILL NOT ADMIT THAT SINKING OF LUSITANIA WAS ILLEGAL.

#### CRISIS IS BECOMING SERIOUS

Dispute Causes Germans Much Uneasiness. But Feel That the Limit Has Been Reached in Showing Good Faith.

Washington D. C .- The one word "illegal" as differently interpreted in trudes from the tentative draft of the Lusitania agreement, perfected by Ambassador von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing as the stumbling block which has caused Berlin to refer to the negotiations as having reached a crisis and Washington to characterize the situation as grave.

Germany's answer, presented to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff, proposes instead of an out-andout admission of illegality of the method of submarine warfare used by the German naval authorities in sinking the liner, an acceptance of liability for the loss of neutral lives, which Berlin hopes will satisfy the United States and still not bring Germany from continuing the submarine cam-

#### **Bituation Ominous.**

Berlin, Germany.-The Lusitania dispute has taken a more ominous aspect and there is no mistaking the fact there is a graver note in the air. The German government, while still hoping to succeed in the policy of maintaining good relations with America, cannot subscribe to the unconditional admission that the sinking of the Lusitania was illegal. The feeling here is that Germany has gone to the limit of possibility to show her good faith and that the future of German-American relations is now entirely in President Wilson's hands; that the final decision now rests with bim and that his is the grave responsibility.

The optimistic feeling engendered by the semiofficial statement that new instructions had been sent to Count von Bernstorff giving hopes of an ultimate settlement, has been largely dispelled by the warning in the German press that the semiofficial statement must not be interpreted to mean that Germany and America are on the verge of reaching an agreement in the Lusitania case.

## THREE DEAD IN HOTEL BLAZE

One Woman Burned to Death at Window While Crowd Watches Helplessly.

Atlantic City, New Jersey-Three persons are known to be dead and increased his artillery fire strongly. from two to four persons are missing as a result of a fire which destroyed the Overbrook Hotel. The known dead

Nicholas Deray, engineer of the hotel.

Thomas Mott, father of proprietor of hotel.

Miss Marie Johnson, a guest. A search of hotels has resulted in locating all persons known to be in the Overbrook except six. Some of these are believed to have saved them-

Belves. The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen.

One woman was seen to faint after calling for help from an upper window and was burned to death while her body lay across the sill in view of fundreds of persons unable to help

## PHILIPPINE BILL IS PASSED

Empowers Liberation at President's Discretion Within Four Years; Retains Naval Base.

Washington-The Philippine bill, which would extend a greater degree of self-government and would authorize the president to grant the islands absolute independence within four years, has passed the senate, 52 to 24

Various Democratic senators tried unsuccessfully to amend the independence clause, but in the end the Democrats, joined by six Progressive-Republicans, voted solidly for the measure.

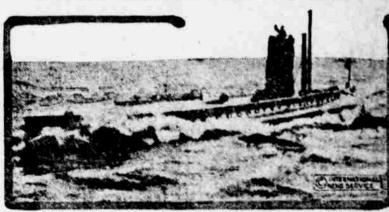
Swallowed Button.

Breham, Tex.-George Burch just coughed himself out of an illness of 12 years' duration. Physicians said his coughing spells were due to tuberculosis. But he coughed up a collar button swallowed when a boy and is setting well.

Sold Military Uniforms. Knoxyille, Tenn.-Convicted of selling uniforms belonging to a local military regiment to a secret organization for use in initiatory work, G. M. Le-Bow has been sentenced by Federal Judge Sanford to serve a year and a day in the prison at Atlanta.

Too Old to Serve in Civil War. Conway, Ark.-Robert H. Perry, 163 years old, said to be the oldest Arkansan, is dead at his home here. He was too old for service in the Civil

## GERMAN SUBMARINE AT FULL SPEED



This is an unusual view of a German submarine running at full speed on the surface, with her commander in the conning tower.

# ASKS FORTS FOR CANAL WORKS ATTACKS WILSON

"JINGO" IN SPEECH.

Rebukes Execuive for Spreading

Washington, D. C .- President Wil-

son was attacked as a "jingo" and his

campaign for preparedness as an "un-

a program they do not want" by Sen-

"The public mind has been excited

by publicists and motion pictures,"

is increasing that excitement by state-

statements is one that the United

Sees No Cause for Alarm.

"I see no cause for alarm. I see no

complication which may lead this na-

tion into war. I am opposed in the

first place to the president attempting

to influence legislation by extended

second place to the unwise and impos-

sible program which he is attempting

Senator Works spoke in favor of

is bill for defense, "against the

ther reforestation and reclamation

work to prevent floods, avalanches

and other natural disasters, which

he said were likely to cause more loss

SHIPS WITH MONSTER GUNS

Largest Cannon Ever on the

Water.

Rome, Italy. - The Agenzia Na-

colossal preparations for a naval of-

fensive in the spring. She will have

obtaining a decisive victory on land,

SWEDEN SORE ON GERMANS

Selzure of Vessel Condemned as Un-

lawful as Trip Covered Only

Swedish Points.

Stockholm, Sweden.-The setrure of

the Saudish steamer Presto by the

Germans who have taken her to

Swinemunde, has excited great indig-

nation by the press and the public,

The vessel was bound from Stock-

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absolutely unlawful as the vessel was

bound from one Swedish port to an-

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Three Rescuers Are Drowned.

drowned at the waterworks lake here

Guiteau's Brother Dies.

dead at his home in Dobba Ferry.

Severey Is Sent to Matteawan.

the youth who shot four persons, one

mortally, in this city last Friday, was

committed to Matteawan State Hos-

French Cruiser Off Norfolk

Norfolk, Va-A wireless dispatch re-

ceived here reported that a French

cruiser had arrived off the Virginia

Capes and was patrolling there to

prevent the Appam from escaping

County Judge Addington,

Albany, N. Y .- Harold L. Severey,

New York - James Wilson Guiteau.

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Washington, D. C.-The Philip-

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the United States and Germany, pro- GOETHALS SEEKS \$8,000,000 FROM SENATOR CALLS PRESIDENT CONGRESS.

> Needs \$19,000,000 More to Complete Lawmaker Sees No Cause for Alarm-Waterway-Reticent Regarding Recent Slides.

> Washington, D. C .- Gen. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, asked appropriations of \$19,300,000 for completing the Panama Canal, and \$8,320, wise attempt to scare the people into 60 for further fortifications.

> Prospects of clearing out slides and lator Works before the senate military reopening the canal to general traffic affairs committee. were discussed before the house appropriations committee by Goethals. While he would not set a definite date said Works "and now the president for probable reopening of the waterway, he said work was progressing ments and declarations. Among the rapidly, that it would not be opened until danger of other serious slides States should have the biggest navy was largely averted and that emer- in the world. gency appropriations were not needed.

Money for more schools and playgrounds was asked by Goethals. also said two colliers costing \$1,300,-000 each were needed.

Goethals told of plans to spend \$500,000 on more sea-coast batteries, tours through the country and in the \$491,000 for barracks to house 21 army companies and \$240,000 for submarine mines at both entrances. So to bring about through public excitefar the government has spent only ment." \$55,000 on mines, he said. A projectile factory to cost \$50,000 to make the Isthmian forces independent re- forces of nature." He advocated furgarding such supplies also was urged.

#### GERMANS BRING UP CANNON

Amsterdam Hears Kaiser's Forces Are Planning Great Offensive on Western Front.

Amsterdam, Holland .- Travelers ar- Vessels Are Bomb-Proof and Carry riving here brought fresh reports that the Germans are planning a great offensive on the western front. They estimated that 3,600 new guns were being sent to Northern France.

Rerlin, Germany - Violent artillery duels now are proceeding in Planders, many ships of a new type, capable of Northern France and elsewhere along withstanding torpedo attacks and the western front, the war office re-

meters (19.7 inches.) "The enemy's artillery in Flanders answered actively German shelling of enemy's position on a large front," Germany will attempt a grand coup the war office stated

"In the Neuville district the enemy on the sea, risking everything. On other sections of the front ther

#### has been active artillery fire." PAYS DEBT AFTER 40 YEARS

South Bend, Indiana. - Homer Taggert, a real estate man of this city, has received a letter with a post office money order in it calling for \$9. More than 40 years ago Taggert's father, long since dead, sold a secondhand buggy to F. D. Airgood, a country blacksmith at Servia, Ind. A note was given in payment. Part payment had been made on the original sum. A balance of \$2.50 remained un-The note was later destroyed in a fire and the unpaid part was forgotten. Airgood, now an old man, had just thought of the money and mailed the South Bend man \$9, which is the unpaid part of the debt and the interest on it.

## FLOOD DAMAGE IS ENORMOUS

Little Rock, Arkansas, - Eleven lives have been lost and hundreds of grant the islands absolute indepenthousands of dollars' damage done by dence within four years, passed the the floods now devastating Arkansas. Hundreds of families are homeless. and drowned.

A nearo family-father, mother and child-were drowned near Melwood. Two other deaths had been reported from that district previously,

## Two Negroes Drown in Flood.

Cairo, Ili.-Two negroes drowned in the Mississippi just north of here, when they were trying to rescue Miss one while trying to save two mules Stella Anderson, who went through and the other while salvaging house the ice. hold offeets.

New Call to Colors.

Bucharest.-Rumania has called to a brother of Charles J. Guiteau, who the colors all members of the class of assassinated President Corfield, is

Kills Girl He Gets License to Wed. Douglass, Mass.-Miss Lena Keyser of Schenectady, N. Y., was shot and killed here by John H. Pierce of Delenson, N. Y. to whom she was engaged. He afterwards shot himself. pital for the Criminal Insane by

Bank Clerk Spy Sentenced.

New York-Frederick Schleindi, formerly a cierk in the National City Bank, convicted of selling confidential information regarding the shipment of munitions to the extente ailies, was sentenced for an indeterminate term from Newport News. up to three years.

# SUNK IN CATTEGAT

BELIEVED TO HAVE STRUCK A MINE, ACCORDING TO COPEN-HAGEN DISPATCH.

#### GERMANY DECEIVING HERSELF

German Soldiers and Colonists Driven Into Spanish Province and Tied Up for Balance of War-Explosion in Arms Plant.

Copenhagen, Denmark, - A large erman warship has been sunk in the Cattegat between the Island of Anholt | it closes with a still more bollow-soundand the Swedish coast according to a Copenhagen dispatch, quoting the newspaper Helsinger Avis.

The dispatch said it is supposed the vessel struck a mine. Wireless calls for help were caught, but these ceased after a time.

The Cattegat is a body of water lying between Denmark and Sweden, through which vessels from the Baltic must pass to reach the Atlantic ocean. The Island of Anholt lies in the center of the Cattegat.

14,900 Germans Interned.

Madrid, Spain.-Nine hundred Germans and 14,000 of their colonial troops from the German colony of Kamerun have crossed the border into Spanish Guiana, according to an official announcement made here. The troops have been disarmed and interned. The government is taking measures for their sustenance.

This is taken here to indicate that the France-British campaign in the Kamerun is nearing conclusion.

The Kamerun protectorate has an area of 191,130 square miles, and has a population of 2,549,000 including ing about 2,000 white. The only other possession of the Germans in Africa not conquered by the allies is the protectorate of German East Africa which has an area of 384,000 square miles and a population of 5,500,000.

195 Killed in Arms Plant. Milan, Italy.-The Secolo has re-

ceived a wire from Bucharest which says that according to information from a trustworthy source a terrific explosion of melinite occurred in the amous Austrian arsenal, Skoda, in Pilsen, Bohemia.

Three factory buildings, including that set apart for the manufacture of the renowned 350-centimeter hydrau-He guns, were blown into the air zionale learns that Germany is making and 195 employes perished in the ruins

## MAN, 96. AGAIN A FATHER

armed with guns of 42 centimeters Third Wife Presents Him With 24th (16.5 inches), and perhaps 50 centi-Child-Names Last One Woodrow. Convinced of the impossibility of

Whitesburg, Kentucky, - At the age of 96. "Uncle Bob" Bates, the new member of the household, a boy, bonor of President Wilson.

"Uncle Bob" has been married provement." three times and has nine children as a result of his first union, eight by his second wife and seven by his third and present wife.

"I am as proud of all of them as I can be and have none to spare," he

Too Much Water Defeats Drys. Terre Haute, Ind .- Too much water defeated the drys in Sugar Creek township when a prohibition vote was taken. The floods marooned the country voters, while those of West Terre Haute cast about all the votes, thereby "drowning out" the antisaloon advocates by 927 to 501. Boats were used by the "wets" to get out a full Empowers Liberation at President's vote.

Enjoined From Carryine Liquer Chillicothe, Mo -A. B. Davis judge of the thirty-sixth judicial circuit court in chamber here, granted a temporary injunction against the Wabash and Rock Island railroads and the American Adams and Wells Pargo express companies, restraining them from carrying liquor into Daviess county.

Long Island Unprotected. Garden City, L. I .- In a letter Ad-

miral Dewey described the coast of Long Island as "the most unprotected and most easily attacked portion of the coast of the United States, Admiral Dewey said that only a powerful navy could prevent an invasion.

Withdraws From Socialists. Berlin. - Otto Rueble, Socialist member of the Reichstag has followed the example of Dr. Karl Liebnecht by withdrawing from the Socialist group in the Reichstag. Herr Ruehle was the only Socialist member to cooperate with Dr. Liebnecht in opposing the war credits.

Officer Sentenced to Death. London-Lieut. George Codere of the Canadian expeditionary force, was sentenced to death at Winchester on the charge of having murdered Sergt. Ozanne of his regiment.

Old Soldier Found Dead. Mentgomery City, Mo.—Thomas Hoffman, a former Confederate soldier, who served under the late Gen. Cockrell, was found dead in bed at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boeley, here. Hoffman was formerly a groter in St. Louis.

# LACKING IN "PUNCH"

Progressive Affirmation of Principles Is Weak.

Claim That Victory for the Party in the Next National Election is Probable Has Rather a Humorous Tinge.

It's a long, long way from 1912 to 1916, though both ends of the road are at Chicago. Can it be that a mechanical reaffirmation of "the Progressive platform of 1912" to which "we pledge our continued allegiance" is the best that can be done for the passionate battle cry of four years ago? With such a reaffirmation the "declaration of principles," adopted by the Progressive national committee, opens; and ing attempt at a combination of conciliation and defiance. "If the Republican convention is responsive to the patriotic spirit that brought the Republican party into being," etc., then "the effort for a common leadership will be successful," if not, "the responsibility will be on other shoulders than ours, and this will be so apparent to the voters of the country as to result in victory for the national Progressive party in next fail's election." In all this, there is a melancholy absence of "punch;" that quality being reserved entirely for the arraignment of the Wilson administra tion. But even in that part of the declaration it is difficult to see any thing upon which a substantial campaign for the presidency can be built up. There is a strong demand for preparedness; but President Wilson is for preparedness, too, and you can't get up a hurrah campaign on a mere difference of degree, especially one that is indefinite, and is likely to re-

#### Send Good Men to St. Louis.

main so.

Democratic managers are not losing sight of the fact that the St. Louis convention will have other business to attend to besides nominating a presidential ticket. A platform must be drafted and debated and adopted.

The St. Louis platform will not be easy of construction. It must deal with a number of subjects, and should deal with them in a definite and straightforward manner.

For this reason discussion of delegates to St. Louis has begun. The party is advised to send only the best men-men both capable and experienced.

The platform builders at St. Louis will face a task which only master builders can execute. If apprentices, no matter how promising, are assigned to the work a botch will certainly be the result.

Continued Business Improvement

The twelve federal reserve banks that dot the country are like so many observation towers, each closely watching business conditions within its district.

There is gratifying uniformity in father of three families, has another the reports these banks have just made to the central board in Washwhom he has named Woodrow, in ington. They all tell of industrial and trade activity with "continued im-

Bank clearings, railway earnings and other indicia for some time past have reflected a steady expansion, but it is none the less pleasant to have the fact confirmed by these experienced men of affairs in direct touch with business in all parts of the land. New York Herald

Country's Present Need.

We need just now some of the sturdy statesmanship that brought the republic through the storms of revolution and that came to its rescue at every stage of our national develop-

As for the Democratic party, the crisis it faces as an organization is whether it shall demonstrate its fitness and capacity to shape the course of the ship through the uncharted seas that are roaring ahead of us.

The brave pilot is at the wheel and the question is, will the crew take heart from his inspiring example and be faithful to the duty of the hour?-Houston Post.

Garrison's Stand Indersed.

No man in public life now carries greater weight, or deserves to, than Secretary Garrison, and his statement to the house military committee on the need of better defense for the country was about as forcible as it could be made. Besides the facts that any citizen can observe regarding our means of defense and the conditions of modern warfare, it is reasonable for the private citizen to assume that the president and his cabinet know a good many things about our relations with foreign countries that are not published in all the newspapers.--Philsdelphia Record.

Hammer Wielders. Republican congressmen and sens-

tors are generous contributors to the supposedly popular Congressional Rec-Most of these contributions are in the form of assaults upon the administration, proving the minority to be sadly in need of some constructive issue. They wield their windy hammers with fine partisan energy. But in the mids: of momentous questions affectings, however persistent, wake but light echoes, and short-lived once at that.—Dallas Evening Journal.

## BEGIN HOT WATER DRINKING IF TOU Don't Feel Right

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out polsons.

If you wake up with a bad taste, bad breath and tongue is coated; if your head is dull or aching; if what you eat sours and forms gas and acid in stomach, or you are billous, constipated, nervous, sallow and can't get feeling just right, begin drinking phosphated hot water. Drink before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will flush the poisons and toxins from stomach, liver, kidneys and boweis and cleanse, sweeten and purify the entire alimentary tract. Do your inside bathing immediately upon arising in the morning to wash out of the system all the previous day's poisonous waste, gases and sour bile before putting more food into the stomach.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles became loaded with body impurities, get from your druggist or storekeeper a quarter pound of lime-stone phosphate which is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except for a sourish tings which is not unpleasant.

Just as soan and hot water act on the akin, cleansing, sweetening and freehening, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the stomach. liver, kidneys and bowels. Men and women who are usually constipated, bilious, headachy or have any stomach disorder should begin this inside bothing before breakfast. They are ussured they will become real cranks on the subject shortly .- Adv.

#### Both Sides of It.

"I think a girl to very foolish to propose to a poor man," said the leapyear maid.

"Yes," replied the grass widow, "but not any more foolish than the poor man who accepts that kind of a girl."

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Logic.

"Do you know what will happen if the English miners refuse to godown?" "No, what?"

"Coal will go up."-Le Rire (Paris).

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